

REMARKS

After entry of the above amendments, claims 1-3 and 5-6 are pending in this application.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to emphasize that the driving thin film transistor (TFT) in each pixel comprises a plurality of transistors connected in series. Support for this amendment is found in the Specification at page 4, lines 2-3. No new matter has been added. Applicant has also canceled claim 4 as redundant.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-6 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Yamazaki U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2002/0021268. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

As shown in Yamazaki's Fig. 10A, TFTs 1004a and 1004b are connected in parallel. Yamazaki does not teach or suggest that the driving TFTs are connected in series, as required in the claimed invention. Thus, claim 1 is patentable over the Yamazaki reference. This logic also disposes of the rejections of claims 2 and 3, which depend directly from claim 1.

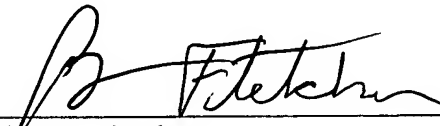
Regarding claim 5, the Examiner states that Yamazaki's element 1508 shown in Fig. 15 (the left two transistors of the current mirror that are connected in series) corresponds to the claimed driving TFT. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Yamazaki's element 1508 is an SRAM made of two inverters. This is not the claimed invention because this SRAM does not supply an electric current to Yamazaki's EL element 1511. Rather, it is Yamazaki's current controlling TFT 1509 that supplies an electric current to the EL element 1511. However, Yamazaki's current controlling TFT 1509 is made of a single transistor, not the claimed set of transistors. Thus, claim 5 is patentable over the Yamazaki reference. This logic also disposes of the rejection of claim 6, which depends from claim 5.

In view of the above, each of the claims in this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicant solicits early action in the form of a Notice of Allowance.

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